

Dr. A. Didar Singh, a former civil servant of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) took over as Secretary General of FICCI from November 2012. He retired as Secretary to Government of India in the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs. Prior to this he served as Member (Finance), National Highways Authority of India; Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Heavy Industries; and before that in the Ministry of Commerce (Foreign Trade). Dr. Didar Singh is also Secretary General of International Chamber of Commerce, India Chapter; Director General, Indian Council of Arbitration and Director on Board of Invest India (a JV of FICCI and Govt. of India). Dr. Didar Singh functions as Independent Director on the Boards of NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation – a Central PSE) and of J&K State Overseas Employment Corporation (a State Enterprise). He is a Member on the Ad-Hoc Task Forces of Dept. of Performance Management as also of Dept. of Public Enterprises, Govt. of India. Dr. Singh is a member of the Global Agenda Council on Migration of the prestigious World Economic Forum (WEF) and has been conferred an Award for his service to the Indian Diaspora by GOPIO International (Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin). He was named as Distinguished Alumnus St Stephen's College in 2012 and has in July 2014 also been awarded a Honorary PhD (DUniv) from the University of Birmingham.